

The current issues surrounding VRS reimbursement rates HAS to be settled for the benefit of the VRS consumer. Whether that means putting the per-minute reimbursement level back up to a reasonable figure, I request the FCC take in consideration the costs incurred in creating "functionally equivalent" VRS services. The current interim rate has proved a hardship for current VRS providers to expand, especially at the alarming last-minute imposing of that rate (one day before July 1st, 2003!).